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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No. 09/989,545	Applicant(s) COYLE ET AL.	
	Examiner ILIA OUSPENSKI	Art Unit 1644	

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 20 November 2001 and 26 November 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 20-39 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☒ Claim(s) 20-39 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

1. Applicant's Preliminary Amendments filed 11/20/2001 and 11/26/2003 are acknowledged and have been entered.

Claims 1 – 19 have been cancelled.

Claims 20 – 39 have been added.

Claims 20 – 39 are pending.

2. The instant application appears to be in sequence compliance for patent applications containing nucleotide sequence and/or amino acid sequence disclosures.

Species Election

3. This application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct species of the claimed Invention, wherein the polypeptide is:

- (A) mouse ICOS (SEQ ID NO:10), or
- (B) human ICOS (SEQ ID NO:12).

These species are distinct because their structures are different. Furthermore, the examination of these species would require different searches in the scientific literature.

4. This application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct species of the claimed Invention, wherein the Th2 response is:

- (A) Th2 dependent inflammation response,
- (b) Th2 specific effector cell response,
- (C) Th2 mediated humoral immune response,

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- (D) Th2 specific cytokine production,
- (E) Th2-specific ligand interaction,
- (F) Th2 response is inducing or maintaining tolerance in autoimmune disease, or
- (G) Th2 response is inhibiting a Th1 immune response.

These species appear to be distinct because the methods for modulating a Th2 response differ with respect to ingredients, method steps and/or endpoints.

Alternatively, the Applicant is invited to clarify whether these species can be considered obvious in view of each other.

5. This application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct species of the claimed Invention, wherein the Th2 specific cytokine is:

- (A) IL-4,
- (B) IL-5,
- (C) IL-10,
- (D) IL-13, or
- (E) a combination thereof.

These species are distinct because their structures, physicochemical properties and mode of action are different. Furthermore, the examination of species would require different searches in the scientific literature.

6. Applicant is required under 35 USC 121 to elect a single disclosed species to which the claims would be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. Currently, claim 20, for example, is generic.

7. Applicant is advised that a response to this requirement must include an identification of the species that is elected consonant with this requirement,

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and a listing of all claims readable thereon, including any claims subsequently added. An argument that a claim is allowable or that all claims are generic is considered nonresponsive unless accompanied by an election.

Upon the allowance of a generic claim, applicant will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which are written in dependent form or otherwise include all the limitations of an allowed generic claim as provided by 37 C.F.R. § 1.141. If claims are added after the election, applicant must indicate which are readable upon the elected species. M.P.E.P. § 809.02(a).

Should applicant traverse on the ground that the species are not patentably distinct, applicant should submit evidence or identify such evidence now of record showing the species to be obvious variants or clearly admit on the record that this is the case. In either instance, if the examiner finds one of the inventions unpatentable over the prior art, the evidence or admission may be used in a rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103 of the other invention.

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to ILIA OUSPENSKI whose telephone number is 571-272-2920. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 9 - 5.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Christina Chan can be reached on 571-272-0841. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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